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In Re: Patent Application of
Mariko Miyashita *et al.* :
: Group Art Unit: 1641
: Conf. No.: 3194
: Appln. No.: 09/420,719 : Examiner: K. Padmanabhan
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: For: SAMPLE TREATING KIT AND SAMPLE : Attorney Docket
TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME : No. 10059-308
FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR : (P21541-01)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2001 (Paper No. 8), and prior to the examination and calculation of fees in the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) being requested concurrently herewith, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows. This CPA and Preliminary Amendment are timely filed on June 19, 2001.

In the Specification:

Pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(2), please amend the specification by deleting the section of the specification headed "ABSTRACT", and replace as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

B1
A sample solution treating instrument is provided for facilitating rapid and simplified adjustment of the condition of a sample solution proper for analysis with a biosensor before supplying the solution to the biosensor. The sample solution treating instrument includes, for example, a catalyst or an adsorbent which can remove any interfering substance in order to adjust the sample solution for measurement with a biosensor. --